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Media Advisory

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Air Station to hold Mil/Civ Emergency Response Exercise

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, Ariz. (Feb. 24, 2013) – An emergency response exercise is scheduled at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Weds, Feb. 27.

Exercise Desert Impact 2013, which will test MCAS Yuma and local/regional emergency response preparedness, will simulate a toxic chemical spill close to the air station.

The intent of the exercise is to increase emergency response capabilities and to improve cross-agency communications during a crisis.

During the exercise, large numbers of emergency response vehicles, simulated victims and evacuation training may be seen on and around the air station.

Portions of Avenue 3E near the North Gate entrance to MCAS Yuma may have simulated emergency response and law enforcement personnel present.

In addition to MCAS Yuma personnel, Yuma Police Department, Yuma Fire Department, Rural Metro Fire Department, Department of Public Safety, Yuma County Emergency Management and Yuma Regional Medical Center will participate in this emergency response exercise.

For questions about the exercise or how it will impact traffic conditions, please contact the public affairs office at 928-269-2275.

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Media are invited to cover the exercise from 9 to 10 a.m. and/or to conduct post-exercise interviews with key emergency response personnel at noon. Contact Cpl. Bill Waterstreet at 928-269-3682 or william.waterstreet@usmc.mil by 4 p.m. on Feb. 26 to confirm attendance. Meet at the MCAS Yuma Main Gate no later than 8:30 a.m. for exercise coverage and no later than 11:30 a.m. for post exercise interviews. When reserving

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a spot, be sure to include name of organization and the names and phone numbers of reporters attending. Media that R.S.V.P. will be informed about any changes to scheduled times.